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Amdt. dated March 9, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 12, 2006

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Official Action dated <u>December 12, 2006</u>.

Claims 13-31, 33, 34, 36, and 37 were previously canceled without prejudice as drawn to a

nonelected invention. The Official Action rejected claims 1-12, 32, and 35under 103(a) based on

Antonin U.S. Publication No. 2002/0138446 ("Antonin") in view of Shooks U.S. Publication No.

2002/0019781 ("Shooks"). This ground of rejection is addressed below. Claims 1, 32, and 35

have been amended to be more clear and distinct. Claims 1-12, 32, and 35 are presently pending.

<u>The Art Rejections</u>

All of the present rejections are based on Antonin, in combination with Shooks. As

addressed in greater detail below, Antonin and Shooks do not support the Official Action's

reading of them and the rejections based thereupon should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Further, the Applicants do not acquiesce in the analysis of Antonin and Shooks made by the

Official Action and respectfully traverse the Official Action's analysis underlying its rejections.

The Official Action rejected claims 1-12, 32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

unpatentable over Antonin in view of Shooks. In light of the present amendments to claims 1,

32, and 35 this ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, addresses reformatting ATM data into a form usable by a server on

a global communications network, with reformatting including translating the ATM data into a

self contained package allowing for processing by one or more electronic merchant servers in a

native format used by the one or more electronic merchant servers. Claim 1 further addresses

reformatting merchant data for use by an ATM, with reformatting including translating the

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merchant data into a self contained package in a native format used by the ATM. These

limitations in the combination of claim 1 are not taught and are not made obvious by Antonin,

Shooks, or a combination thereof. Antonin teaches an intermediary device providing services to

financial services terminals, such as ATMS, with the intermediary receiving inputs from a

financial services terminal and responding to the inputs by transferring data between the terminal

and the intermediary device and between the intermediary device and a server or other remote

device with which communication is to be carried out in order to conduct the transaction, such as

the service provider system 131. Antonin teaches an operation conducted under the control of

software within the intermediary device, with the intermediary device selecting and formatting

data to be transmitted. Antonin does not teach the formatting of data into a self contained

package in the native format of an electronic merchant server or of an ATM, as appropriate, as

claimed by claim 1, as amended. Formatting data into a self contained package allows for more

flexibility of operation, without the need for control of the transaction by an intermediary.

Adding Shooks to Antonin does not cure Antonin's deficiencies as a reference, with

respect to claim 1, as amended. Shooks teaches a system of communication between a customer

and an electronic commerce website, allowing for stored value information to be transmitted to

an electronic commerce website on direction by a customer. Shooks does not teach translating

data for transmission between an ATM and a vendor. Claim 1, as amended, therefore defines

over the cited art and should be allowed.

Claims 32 and 35 include similar limitations to claim 1, and should be allowed for the

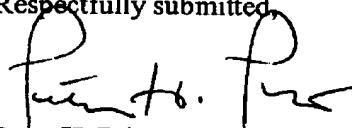reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

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Conclusion

    All of the presently pending claims, as amended, appearing to define over the applied

references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

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